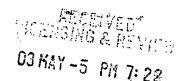


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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the U.S. Application of

James R. MYERS

Group Art Unit: 3624

U.S. Serial No.: 09/368,422

Examiner: Daniel S. Felten

Filed: August 5, 1999

For:

SUPPLY CHAIN FINANCING

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Commissioner of Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

PETITION UNDER 37 CFR 1.181(a) TO WITHDRAW HOLDING OF ABANDONMENT

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.181(a), the undersigned respectfully petitions the Commissioner for Patents to withdraw the holding of abandonment.

The Notice of Abandonment is incorrectly based on the alleged failure to respond to the Office Action (restriction requirement) mailed on June 3, 2002. Attached is a copy of the post card receipt and the Response to the Restriction Requirement that was filed on August 16, 2002, as evidence of the response to the Office Action (restriction requirement) mailed on June 3, 2002.

Therefore, the Notice of Abandonment is in error, and it is respectfully requested that such Notice be withdrawn.

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No fees are believed to be necessary, however, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required to Deposit Account No. 501458. A duplicate copy of this letter is submitted herewith for that purpose.

Date.

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Respectfully submitted,

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38917/193638 WSHLIB01:163117 Please return this card, indicating receipt date and Serial No., if applicable, of the following:

Petition Under 37 C.F.R. 1.181(a) to Withdraw Holding of Abandonment (in duplicate); Copy of Response to Restriction Requirement, dated August 16, 2002; Copy of Return Postcard showing receipt of Response to Restriction Requirement on August 16, 2002

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